GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:198
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FINALISATION OF NEW FORMULARY FOR DRUGS
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the supply of required quantities of medicines to the CGHS dispensaries and other Government sectors i.e. CRPF, BSF etc. has been adversely affected since 1998 due to non-finalization of new formulary for drugs; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) There has been some decline in the supply of medicines to CGHS and other indentors due to non finalisation of formulary.

(b): To over come the shortage, the CGHS had appointed authorised local chemists for supply of medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries. CGHS has also prepared a list of 65 commonly indented medicines in addition to the 138 Generic medicines available in the formularly of the Government of NCT of Delhi.As per the list containing 203 drug items prepared by CGHS, was decided by the Government to procure the medicines through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HCC) which is a Government of India undertaking. The Government has also approved formulary for generic drugs of the Government of NCT of Delhi for procurement of drugs by the Medical Store Organisation.